

# Multi award-winning Edinburgh hotel announces £1m refurbishment

✖ Luxury, five-star Edinburgh hotel, The Chester Residence, is undergoing a £1 million refurbishment. This coincides with the property being voted second luxury hotel in the UK in the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards for 2016.

The refurbishment is being carried out by Aberdeen-based firms Ambiance Interior Design and Bentleys, a bespoke joinery manufacturer and interior fit out specialist, and is due to be completed in May 2016.

Many apartments will be newly decorated with chic, contemporary décor including accent patterns with geometric prints to complement the current more muted palette.

A combination of Elitis and Armani Casa wall papers have been specially chosen by leading interior designer Karen McKimmie, and key furnishings will be updated with luxury fabric from companies such as Mulberry Home. The technology upgrade includes faster Wi-Fi, and new 55-inch Smart TVs throughout so guests can stream their favourite films and enjoy Sky Sports in the comfort of their apartment. Blu-ray DVDs will also be standard throughout. Aberdeen social enterprise company Glencraft are supplying new luxury beds throughout the hotel.

Owner of The Chester Residence, Graham Wood, said: "Maintaining a first class product and creating that 'wow' factor for guests when they arrive is key to ensuring an enjoyable stay. Great service needs to be complemented with impressive, yet comfortable surroundings if we are to maintain our number one position in Edinburgh, as voted by our guests on Tripadvisor.

“We use only the highest quality suppliers and try to source local products and tradespeople where possible.”

Designer Karen McKimmie, said: “The feedback we received from guests is that they really enjoy the essence of what The Chester Residence is, so we wanted to update the apartments without compromising that. We’ve added a range of on-trend patterns and geometric pieces to complement the timeless décor of the apartments.”

The refurbishment is due to finish at the end of May 2016 and the hotel remains open throughout.

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